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The Department of Agriculture consolidates the duties and functions previously performed by the now abolished Maryland State Board of Agriculture, which was composed of the Board of Regents of the University of Maryland.

The Department of Agriculture consists of the following offices, boards, commissions, and agencies: the Inspector of Tobacco, the Tobacco Authority of the State of Maryland, the Maryland Agricultural Fair Board, the Maryland State Apple Commission, the Chief of Weights and Measures, the State Chemist, the State Veterinarian, the State Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners, the Wholesome Meat Advisory Council of Maryland, the State Soil Conservation Committee, the Board of Review of the Department of Agriculture, the Maryland Agricultural Commission, the Maryland Agricultural Land Preservation Foundation, and the State Board of Inspection of Horse Riding Stables.

In addition, the following agencies were abolished and their functions transferred to the Department of Agriculture: the State Horticultural Department, the State Entomologist, the State Pathologist, the State Horticulturist, the Department of Drainage, the State Drainage Engineer, and the Maryland State Department of Markets (Code Agriculture Article, secs. 2-101 through 2-107).

BOARD OF REVIEW

Angelo F. Palmisano, Chairperson, 1981

Charles E. Brown, 1980; Roger L. Richardson, 1980; Edwin R. Fry, 1981; Floyd Raley, 1981; John C. Herbst, 1982; Margaret G. Prouty, 1982.

(Code Agriculture Article, secs. 2-401 through 2-405).

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The Animal Health Section is responsible for the control and eradication of those diseases of livestock and poultry that are of significant economic importance to the producer as well as those contagious diseases of livestock and poultry that pose a significant threat to the human population of Maryland due to their transmissibility from animals to humans (Code Agriculture Article, secs. 3-101 through 3-503).

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